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Contract limits bank machines on campus

Difficulties posed for additional machine placed on campus

BY KRUPA PATEL

Need some cash? Wherever you are on campus, you'll have to trudge all the way to the South Building to get some. Although the UTM campus is expanding in both population and physical size, all students and faculty continue to rely on a solitary bank machine for our important transactions. "It's really a pain for us to be in the North Building and have to go all the way to South Building to get some money, we should have several machines spread out on campus," said second-year student Nazia Khan.

The interest in bringing an additional bank machine on campus sparked in the opening of the Student Centre several years ago, and every year since then, the issue has been brought to the attention of Christine Capewell, Director of Business Services at UTM. Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President, Adil Mirza and fellow associates inquired into this growing student concern for more bank machines on campus. They provided numerous suggestions of not only introducing new machines but also of the possibility of looking into no-fee banking services, such as that provided by President's Choice. These types of services, explained Mirza, are "very cost effective, and as such, beneficial for students."

The suggestions made by Mirza were denied, however, as having other banks on campus is not a feasible or possible idea.

Currently, UTM is in an exclusivity contract with Scotiabank, along with U of T St. George and Scarborough campuses that has been recently renewed. This contract forfeits the possibility of bringing other bank services on campus. Capewell, has been making several efforts and inquiries in regards to this issue. She

explained that, "Scotiabank has been affiliating with the UTM for several years, and are willing to offer the most for our campus as compared to other banks, several of whom have not shown much interest in having their presence at Erindale at all." So while for the next couple years we may be bound to Scotiabank, are we bound to having only one machine on campus? "It's ridiculous to have only one place to get money on campus, especially for the students who live on residence and have to constantly deal with the inconvenient location...it simply does not serve students needs well," expressed My-Linh Nguyen, Students Administrative Council (SAC) UTM Commissioner. Nguyen has recently been involved in bringing this issue back into the forefront, as she found that the opinions she expressed were common to those of students.

The possibility in getting another machine on campus poses some problems as well. According to Capewell, "until this point, [Scotiabank] has replied by saying that the volume on campus is simply not great enough to justify two machines." This has been the main concern of other banks, which has prevented them from investing in our campus in past years.

In this circle of affairs, where the banks are worried about losing profits by investing in students and students are losing their patience with the banks by being subjected to "unnecessary inconveniences," there still remains some hope. The latest efforts to bring another machine on campus have included exhibiting UTM's growth plan over the next five years to Scotiabank.

With the arrival of the double cohort next fall, and a substantially larger influx of students in the years to follow, Erindale holds great promise in being able to provide the "volume" Scotiabank requires to have more than one machine on campus. "Though it is a possibility, [Scotiabank] are offering no guarantees," cautioned Capewell. "Hopefully though," she added on a positive note, "as we get well into our growth plan, we will have more interest from other banks."

If and when a new Scotiabank machine is permitted to be placed on campus, due to long installation procedures and necessary formalities, it would not be situated on campus until next fall. Also, it would most likely have to be placed in an accessible area in the Student Centre, or a nearby venue just outside of it.

Until everything is settled, students and faculty will have to continue to rely on what is available on campus. The UTM bookstore, Panzerotto Pizza in the North Building, and the Pub all take debit to pay for transactions. Also, the Pub gives cash-back. And while having an additional bank machine is not immediately probable, hopefully a prospect that lies in Erindale's future is in replacing the constantly out-of-order and outdated bank machine in the South Building. For anything more, all we can do is keep our fingers crossed.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"They continue to neglect its most important component, being the quality of our education."

-Student Gengiz Seyhun on UTM's expansion.

Soccer scores at UTM



Top Pic: UTM's Gergin Naoumov blasts the ball towards the net against Innis College.
Bottom: Keeper Ben Dobrolowski saves another shot from Innis. UTM wins 4-1 against Innis.

Photo/Darryl Sequeira

University changes requirements for status of part-time students

Definition of part-time student amended

BY JESSICA DI LEO

Many part-time students will notice a change in their status when registering for courses in the Fall/Winter 2003 school year. The University of Toronto is changing the definition of "part-time student" in The Faculty of Arts and Sciences on all

campuses. This change is a result of amendments to the *Policy for Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees*, which were approved by administration last week. All students taking 3.0 or more courses per school year will now be classified as a "full-time student." This means that many students who are currently classified as part-time will now be considered full-time, with access to full-time student services through paying the price of full-time incidental fees.

Although full-time students will see an increase in the amount of incidental fees they pay, Mark Overton, Dean of Student

Affairs at UTM, feels that there will be various benefits to the change in part-time status. Students who can carry a full-time course load, "will now be eligible for UTAPS (The University of Toronto Advance Planning for Students program), which helps meet financial needs beyond what OSAP will provide." In addition to being eligible for financial assistance, Overton emphasized that the new full-time students will also receive, "full time health benefits through the Students' Administration Council (SAC)."

Another group whom Overton believes

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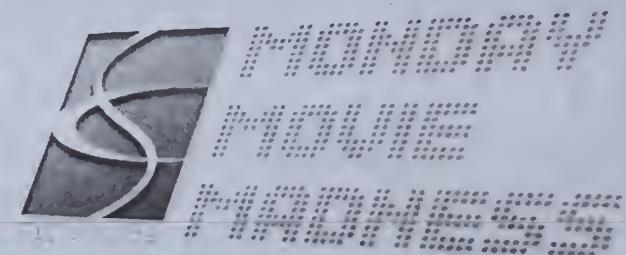


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UTM prepares for double cohort

BY JULIE TYIOS

This September, increased enrollment due to the double graduating class will stand to pose problems at many universities across Ontario, including UTM. Certain measures are being taken province-wide to help deal with this academic crisis. It will, however, cause a pressing need for expansion in academic institutions as the number of first year students will continue to surge in forthcoming years, although the double cohort will cause the most severe impact.

UTM, like most other universities, has agreed to enroll a higher number of students in September to minimize the amount of prospective students who will be declined acceptance into a program. "We are somewhat restricted by our facilities in 2003-4, but we're taking as many [students] as we think we can reasonably accommodate with what we have available," said Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs. He also noted that there will be another surge of students in 2004, as a number of high school students have chosen to 'slow-track' - that is, remain an extra year in high school to obtain more credits.

UTM has currently been expanding its campus on several levels to accommodate the approaching growth. The new CCIT building will serve to expand the existing program and accommodate a multitude of students. The construction of Phase VII residence along the Five-Minute walk is nearly complete, and will

house an additional 200 beds for the campus. Already, the building has won the Architectural Award of Excellence for its design.

Other preparations include enhancing the classrooms, renovating offices and locating new staff, hired specifically to deal with the demands, in portable office space. "It's important to remember that these changes aren't just for the double cohort. Our enrollment expansion also supports the long-term demographic growth in the Peel and Halton regions and beyond," Overton noted.

Diane Crocker, UTM's new Registrar feels that, "from the perspective of the University of Toronto, and more specifically UTM, this is an incredible opportunity at a time when there is planned growth. At the same time, however, we have a lot of work to do to prepare for these young people. When they arrive on campus in September we will need to be prepared for the fact that they come from varied academic backgrounds and there will be a potentially large age gap among first years."

Principal of UTM and Vice-President of U of T, Ian Orchard felt that the campus is making preparations for the increase in students throughout several facets on campus. "UTM has been planning for a controlled growth in enrollments which will result in an increase in the student population of 60% by about 2007. This planning has taken into account the opening of the Phase VII residence for September 2003 and the new CCIT building in September 2004. We will also be submitting a

request to Superbuild for a new Library (student learning centre), renovating the vacated library space for new student services, teaching space and offices, and renovating the north building. We are also building new athletic facilities and planning another 400 bed residence."

Breakdown organizer and student Gengiz Seyhun shows concern towards the impact of the double cohort on education and future students. "The Tories are really effective in making our institutions appear healthy from the outside through such initiatives as Superbuild. But when it comes to dealing with the 'heart' of the matter, they continue to neglect its most important component, being the QUALITY OF OUR EDUCATION." He further explained that "students entering post-secondary education will be paying higher tuition fees, but will be compensated by receiving lower quality education in Ontario."

Adil Mirza, Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President feels that there is a possibility in education standards lowering. "It's the university's responsibility to maintain its standard of excellence. The quality of education may be harmed by the expansion, but I trust U of T will continue to uphold its standards," he said.

U of T, however, remains devoted to dealing with the expansion and the students. "I have a son who is part of this class. I know that this is a very stressful time for all for these students and we have an obligation to help them through the transition to university," said Crocker.

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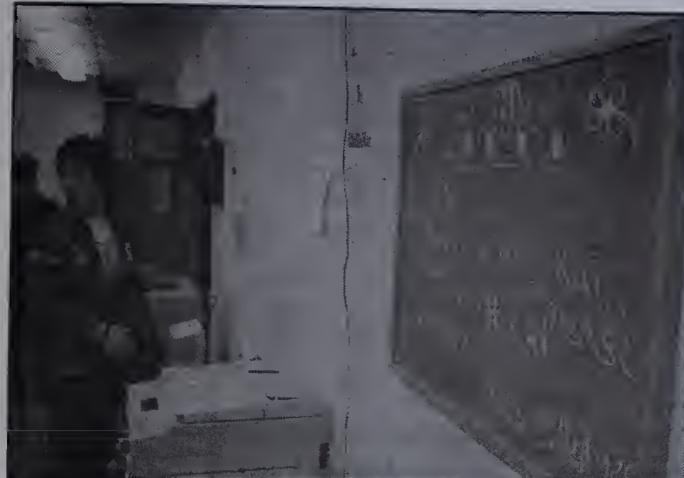
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Policies change for EPUS



Part-time students must heed to new policy changes.

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will profit from the change are those part-time students who spend a "small percentage of time on campus and who are only taking from .50 - 1.50 courses per year [These students] will now be paying less fees," because Compulsory Non-Academic Incidental Fees for part-time students will be reduced.

Individuals within the Association of Part-Time Students (APUS) are critical of the proposed benefits that the change in part-time status will have on most part-time students. APUS President Emily Sadowowski stated that while, "U of T will be getting more funding because more students will be paying the full fees...I want to know what additional services these students will be getting" (*The Varsity*, 01.20.02). This is an important issue for the part-time student unions who, because of the reclassification, will no longer receive fee allocations for those students who will now be considered full-time. Overton, however, acknowledged and reinforced the fact that administration realizes this change "will mean less revenue" for the part-time student unions, both downtown and at Erindale. With this understanding, "the university has offered to help them in the transition."

It is estimated that about 2,500 current part-time students will be considered full-time students by the next registration period. This means that "APUS and EPUS [Erindale Part-Time University Students] will receive fewer members" said Overton. He also added that "one of the positive outsets of this will be that [the part-time student unions] will be able to focus their efforts more on the needs of 'true' part-time students."

This also means that full-time student associations, such as the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) and the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) will receive a larger number of members. While these full time student organizations will benefit from having more members, "they will also have to increase their services because they will now have full-time students in the summer."

Representatives from both student governments say that are planning to expand their services to help provide for the needs of the influx of members. SAC Director Mohammed Hashim stated that although the change in status will, "increase our membership dramatically...we will increase our programming to cater to those students. We will be looking into child day care facilities for students with families, as well as additional services."

My Linh Nguyen, SAC UTM Commissioner, added that SAC will "be

Student express concerns on campus



Photo/Mehraan Pavri

open longer hours...increase facilities, such as a scanner, to service students better...as well as hire an administrative assistant to help with student needs." Adil Mirza, President of ECSU, says that "[ECSU] is going through a planning process...looking at ways that we can put forth ideas for things we can do for those students during the summer time and winter as well."

The need for change in the definition of "part time" students came as a result of plans to have a trimester academic calendar at Scarborough campus. By incorporating a summer term, a separate session of students would be able to lighten their course loads in the fall/winter session, which would have increased the amount of regular part-time students per session.



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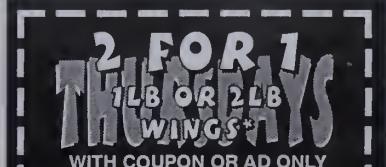
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Creative Short Story

THERE IS NO GOOD ADVICE

BY R. J. zUNCLE

The little conversation Richard got was that in internet chat rooms. The personalities of his friends were displayed in profiles on his computer screen. Given his obscured cyber perspective, he thought he could know everything about someone by asking four simple questions: Do you believe in God? What is your favourite movie of all time? What is your favourite album of all time? What is your favourite book?

Lorelai, one of the few real life people he knew, the girl he secretly loved, joined him on his favourite bench. He would put her to the test.

"I'm going to ask you a few questions if that's okay," began Richard.

"Sure." She huffed. She had arrived in a bad mood.

"One stipulation though. No one word answers," Richard demanded. "And don't be stupid and say 'Yes I do' instead of 'Yes' okay. I want full answers."

"Okee dokee," Lorelai agreed.

"Do you believe in God?"

Lorelai pondered a moment before saying: "I seriously don't know what to say other than yes."

"He knew that those who came for advice just wanted to be told that they were in the right"

"Okay, then tell me why you feel you can't say more than yes," Richard challenged her.

"Because there's no answer to give," explained Lorelai. "You aren't supposed to have a reason for it; you just do it. That's how it works. Next?"

"What is your favourite movie of all time?"

"Just one movie?"

"Just one."

"Then I would have to say *Seven*."

Richard was not impressed. Every loser loved that movie.

"It's so *not* Hollywood," she said.

He knew she had a point, but Richard thought *Seven* was to movies what hip-hop is to bubblegum pop: phoniness disguising large corporate money making schemes. Richard didn't care whether or not it was Hollywood, though. He hated it because everyone loved it. At least she didn't say *Titanic*.

"Okay. And what is your favourite album of all time?" he asked.

"Given that I can only choose one again," said Lorelai, almost annoyed. "It's got to be 'Automatic For The People' by REM. A perfect mixture of melody and melancholy."

Richard swallowed hard. Her words entered him, harmonizing perfectly with his own thoughts. Her admission of embracing melancholy taught him that his own feelings were natural.

"Favourite book?" he asked, more emotionally than necessary.

"*To Kill a Mockingbird*," she replied. "The whole black-white thing is nice to make yourself look like a better person, but that's not why I like it. I like it because virtually every sentence holds something special. That is the level to which budding writers aspire."

Richard noted not the book of which she spoke, but the answer she gave. Her enthusiasm made her more real. The questions were ringing true. He felt he knew her more now.

"Okay, now all the same questions to you," said Lorelai, innocently.

Richard felt utterly exposed at this. He gave an answer more revealing

than he realized:

"I'm not telling you."

Theirs was a story told a thousand times: he liked her but she only liked him as a friend. While she continued to confide in him, he was systematically torn apart by her tales of new loves and conquests. But Richard had had few girlfriends and giving advice was nearly his only form of contact with the opposite sex. However, he knew that those who came for advice just wanted to be told that they were in the right.

"Oh yeah! You're not gonna believe what happened!" screamed Lorelai.

"What happened, Lorelai?" said Richard, bored already. He already knew where this was going.

"I found panties in his room," Lorelai confided.

"So dump him."

"But I love him."

"So don't dump him."

"But he'll do it again."

"So cheat on him in return."

"But that would make me as bad as him!"

"Well you've got to do something for fuck's sake!"

Aside from being hurt at even having to have this conversation, the illogical behaviour of young lovers irritated Richard.

"Why would he stop if he knows he can get away with it?" Richard asked rhetorically.

"I guess you've got a point," she said.

"So tell him off," he said, rolling his



I'll take anything at this point."

Richard turned to her, dramatically, preparing to deliver this wondrous informational nugget:

"Always buy cheap, generic brand bread," he said with a smile. "That is the only good advice."

"What?" she said, dejected.

"You heard: 'generic bread'. My uncle works in a bread bakery, though it's more like a factory: the fucker's huge. Anyway, if he can't fill his required quota he simply calls another factory and purchases bread from them. And why can he do that? Because all bread is the same! It's merely the brand that dictates the price," explained Richard.

"So buy the cheap bread, enjoy the same quality and pocket the difference," he concluded. "It's true for most things, like headache pills. Products have to reach a certain level of quality in order to be sold, therefore any differences are negligible."

He folded his arms, decidedly proud.

"What about cornflakes? If they're not Kellogg's they suck," argued Lorelai.

"That's an exception."

"So you buy crap. I guess that's why you can afford all those CDs."

"No. I don't buy crap. That's what makes it good advice," said Richard, defending his point. "But yes, it allows me to get more CDs."

"Why not burn the CDs and buy nice things?" asked Lorelai.

Richard sighs. He knows all of this is lost on her.

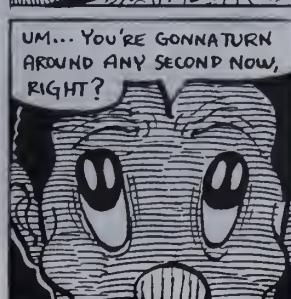
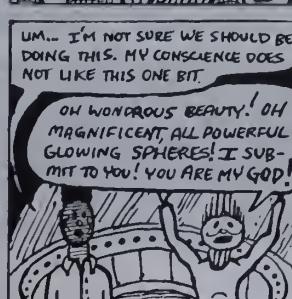
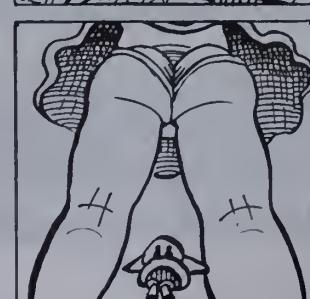
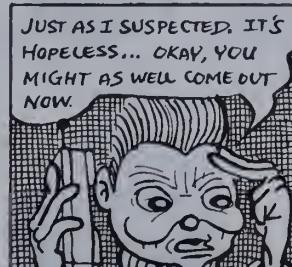
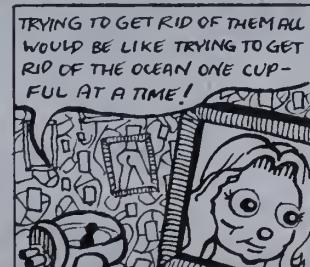
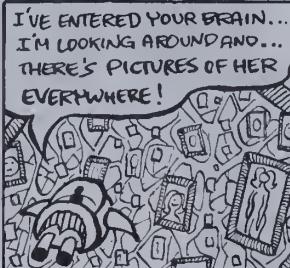
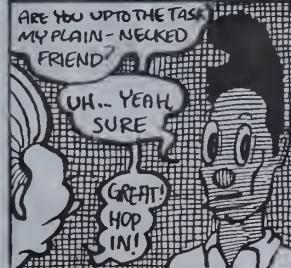
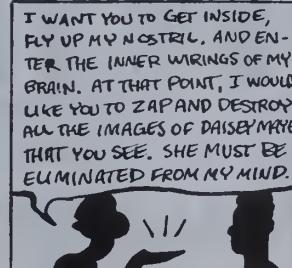
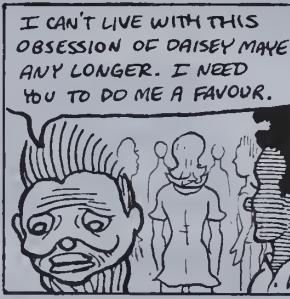
"You know, maybe there is no such thing as good advice."

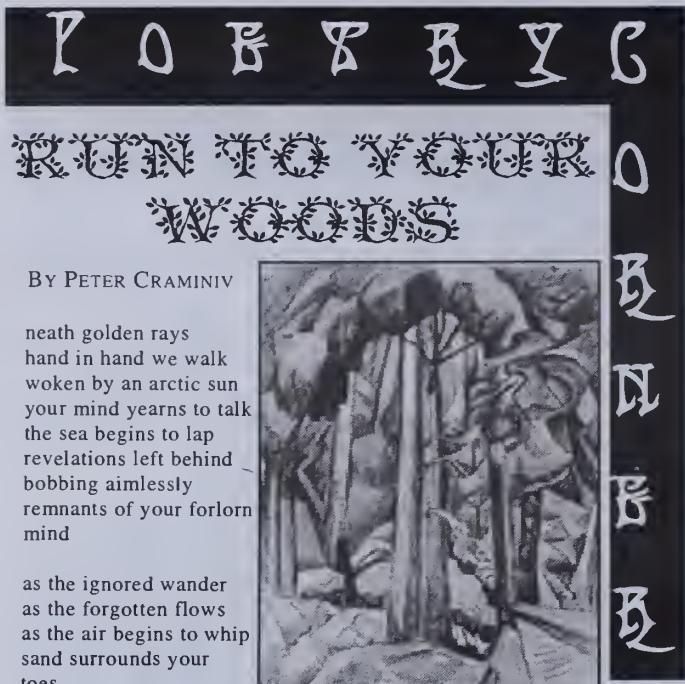
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yet on this beaten path
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to wander aimlessly
among your kind

Gender roles have changed over time

BY JOSIE DWORAK

In the last two decades, changing gender roles, a result of changing social, economic and political pressures, have given rise to a new, 'softer' masculinity.

Men, generally, are socialized in this culture to be emotionally inexpressive with the exception of feelings connected with anger, aggression, and violence. However, through the currents of global culture, the concept of "pretty boy" as heroic or romantic male has glided into the mainstream.

This is especially true in the cinema, where many movies now feature vulnerable, frightened men, emotional men and men who are articulate about their inner fears. These movies include *What Women Want*, *The Next Best Thing*, and *Kate & Leopold*.

I believe that in today's society, men's lives call upon a full range of capacities from brute force to gentle empathy, and it is no longer necessary or useful to lock oneself into the old stereotypes.

My insight is that men can no longer identify with the body builder as a realistic depiction of modern masculinity, in a way that they desperately wanted to during the eighties.

For example, in *Terminator*, Schwarzenegger is a machine in a man's image; he single-handedly

goes through the movie walking, talking and behaving as a robot should. He kills without emotion, he's as strong as an ox, and he doesn't know good behaviour from bad behaviour.

Moreover, Schwarzenegger's physique reflects the considerable amount of narcissism about the male musculature in our culture. With men, however, this tends to be justified as to do with sport, keeping fit, being active: consolidating the image of the male as invulnerable, warrior/athlete.

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For 'real world' scenarios, it would seem men are more able to identify with a distinctly softer image of masculinity. In fact, what has changed is the willingness of men and women to experiment with the outward signs of gender identity. That is, women and men are more readily interchanging things that used to be identified with one gender or the other.

Women serve in the military, play pro basketball, run corporations and govern. Men diet, undergo cosmetic surgery, bare

their souls in support groups and cook. Men are invited to learn how to become more nurturing and emotionally expressive, and more involved with children. Women are invited to be more assertive and share the burden of the home.

Both men and women contain "masculine" and "feminine" elements, however, my impression is that many men are cautious and repressive towards their own "femininity". In addition, many males today are confused by the messages they get in relationships. "Be strong"; "Be vulnerable"; "Be the provider"; "I want equality"; "Don't try to dominate me"; etc.

All of these messages, though confusing at times, simply reflect the changing nature of sex roles. Put simply, we are in the process of redefining gender roles in our culture. Though many people find this scary and confusing at times, more and more males are beginning to see the advantages of these new roles.

Finally, I feel that the notion of a truly powerful man is sensitive, emotional, is able to cry, can sometimes admit he can't cope, and can accept feeling powerless, but can also accept feelings of rage, brutality and aggression; indeed, the whole range of emotions which human beings are privileged to enjoy.

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Digging deeper with 3 Deep's CJ Huyer



CJ Huyer is back home in Canada working on new and exciting projects; such as new group Drop 4. photo/web photo

UP CLOSE

BY: ANDREA CIVICHINO

What happened to 3 Deep's CJ Huyer? The Medium discovered at Playdium in Mississauga that he's up to a lot more than just fun and games.

The year 2003 has been exciting so far for CJ Huyer, and this is only the beginning!

Mostly remembered for his musical presence in the trio 3 Deep (with Y&R's Joshua Morrow and Eddie Cibrian) the Pickering, Ontario native is now busy focusing on promoting other groups and his label, *whipback entertainment inc.* During Drop 4's promotional launch – his newly signed band, Huyer took the time to discuss his expectations for Drop 4, the future of 3 Deep and the growth of his own record label and solo career.

"After September 11th, 3 Deep was off for a bit. Our record was postponed, so I had a lot of time off," said Huyer.

So, he left his L.A. residence and came back home to Canada to work on projects that were put on the side since his involvement with 3 Deep.

One of them was meeting the boys of Drop 4. "It was a really good opportunity to meet them and see where they were at," he added.

Alongside David Partridge, Huyer developed *whipback entertainment inc.* – a name that was inspired after watching U.S. Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes display a whipback, an intricate manoeuvre that she performed during one of her performances.

Huyer said that his record label and management goals were always in the works, but he never had the time to focus solely on other career aspirations.

"That was just my opportunity

to get started to work on different projects," Huyer said. "I had a lot of songs that I had written that I wanted to get out, and that's kind of how it all fell together."

Huyer is no stranger to taking centre stage on his own. Prior to meeting Joshua Morrow, Huyer was the opening act for New Kids On The Block when they were known as N.K.O.T.B. At the time, he was just a rookie on the music scene. His current single, 'Tell Me Something' is currently receiving radio play.

Huyer will join Drop 4 for upcoming promotional tours. He adds that he expects to be busy with the guys, "we're gonna do a snowboarding tour together, it all depends on scheduling. Those guys are going to be extremely busy."

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Four Canadian musicians drop in on music scene

UP CLOSE

BY: ANDREA CIVICHINO

Just when you thought the boy band genre was heading towards extinction, a new band has dropped on the face of the music scene.

At Playdium, in Mississauga on February 1, *StarEntertainment.com* presented the exclusive introduction of **Drop 4** – Chris, Ryan, Willie and Nick, an all Canadian foursome. Performing their debut single 'Hanging Around', the band participated in a meet and greet session, signed autographs and even posed for photo requests with curious onlookers and with those who wanted a closer look at their funky hair do's.

Drop 4 became a reality when Chris was introduced to producer CJ Huyer (**3 Deep**) through a mutual friend, which then became the start of a business partnership and friendship. It was not long before **Drop 4** was introduced to the Toronto based production team of Collin and Tony Barrett (**3 Deep, Snow**). Together with Huyer and the Barrett Brothers, **Drop 4** have been in the studio recording a portfolio of new material slated to be released in Spring 2003. Huyer, being introduced to many musicians eager for an opportunity to stardom, saw something in **Drop 4** that hit home.

"I think for me, the first thing was that I come from a pop background and



Drop 4 (l-r Willie, Nick, Chris and Ryan) showed audience members at Playdium in Mississauga that there's a lot more to their musical career than people expect! photo/Stephanie Lazarevski

that I'm very involved in **3 Deep**," Huyer said. "**3 Deep** was a project that we did as friends. We weren't put together, and we weren't manufactured. We were friends first, we wrote the songs, and then we worked with producers. I think by doing that, it strengthened me, so when I met these guys [**Drop 4**], they had a lot of things that I could relate to very quickly."

Recorded in Toronto, the self-titled album of **Drop 4** features a blend of Pop Rock harmonious songs such as 'We All Need Love' to the spicy R&B flavors of 'Get With You' as well as sexy ballads like 'Forever.' Each of the albums 10 tracks, along with 2 remixes, display how the four members are

able to capture their song writing capabilities along with their musical talents.

"For me, no group, no matter who they are, is going to be successful unless they're good people. They're [**Drop 4**] great guys who work so hard – I was just attracted to that aspect of them," Huyer added.

Although the group has a talented production team that writes fresh lyrics for them, the boys contribute to the lyrical content by sharing their inner thoughts, feelings and emotions.

"We are not really sending out a particular message, it's just basically what we're feeling at the time," said Willie.

Inspired by the sound of acoustics, the rest of the group told *The Medium* –

that Ryan is the master behind the acoustics – it's the basis of their writing. The sound, along with the rush of energy that soars each time Ryan plays enables them to feel a rush of inspiration for new ideas and lyrical content.

"I'll sit alone, play, get a rip going and the words just come out, whatever I feel at the time," Ryan said.

'Hanging Around' seemed like the perfect lead single for us because our best times are spent doing just that – hanging around with friends," Nick said.

Although they are very flattered to be put on the same level as other 'boy bands,' the boys said that they are not one of them. **Drop 4** offers more of an acoustic sound which gives them a unique identity that separates them from the 'boy band' stereotype. Not willing to conform to the latest trends, the group has their own talents and creative interests. They can sing and play instruments, which separates them from **The Backstreet Boys** and **N'Sync**.

"We play instruments as well. We are offering a lot of different things, therefore, we are more of a group than a boy band," Ryan said.

Adjusting to this new lifestyle has been seamless for the boys, despite their minor differences. Ryan chuckles as he tells *The Medium* that it's an interesting sight trying to get the four of them into a bathroom at once to fix their hair. They will have to get used to the promotional tours that are up ahead including a cross Canada promo tour.

Nick Rico, President of *StarsEntertainment.com*, a web site

and forum for teens to rate their favorite celebrities, had mixed emotions regarding the emergence of **Drop 4**.

"They're cool. I think they're 10 years too late," Rico said. "They have the potential if they keep up with the trends."

On a final note, for all those ladies that want to know, Ryan confirmed that the foursome are indeed single. "Yes, that's A-V-A-I-L-A-B-L-E," Chris reiterated.

Be prepared to see more of the guys during their Canadian promotional tour. Visit **Drop 4** at www.drop4.com for more information, pictures and sound bytes.



Drop 4's photo/Stephanie Lazarevski
Ryan answers questions from fans.



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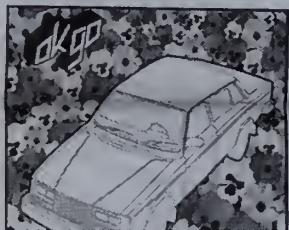
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First album attempt is more than *OK* with a 3.5/5 rating

OK Go
self-titled
3.5/5
Capitol Records



Chicago's OK Go recently came out with their first full-length album self-titled *OK Go*. Formed in 1999, the quartet released music independently before signing to Capitol Records. They are cur-

ently co-headlining a tour with The Donnas.

Songs like 'You're So Damn Hot' and 'C-C-C-Cinnamon Lips' shows the spunkier side of the band. Their performances are energetic and fun and the lyrics are playful. 'Get Over It' is the first track on the disc. The song is a disillusioned look at the American dream, and the sound is loud and passionate.

'Shortly Before The End' is soft and relaxed, while 'Hello, My Treacherous Friends' is bitter and full of hatred. 'Bye Baby' ends the album with intensity.

The debut from OK Go is a good first effort. The work is creative, boisterous, and entertaining. It'll be interesting to see how the band progresses with time and experience.

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Ours - Precious
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2.5/5



Precious is the follow up to *Ours*' debut album, *Distorted Lullabies*. Released in 2002, *Precious* is rock'n'roll - full of pained vocals, heavy drums, and loud guitars.

'Leaves,' the first single off the disc, is neither overwhelmingly great nor disastrously horrific. It sounds like many of the other tracks on *Precious*. Tracks like 'In A Minute' and 'Disaster In A Halo' are decent, but similar in mood and feeling.

'Colored Stars' is the only (relatively) quiet, mellow song. The best song on the album is definitely the upbeat and catchy 'If Flowers Turn', complete with thrilling vocals.

Somehow, the New Jersey band sounds British, especially on 'Femme Fatale'. Music and vocals are reminded of bands like England's Suede. Overall, the album isn't a memorable one - listening to it delivers no real satisfaction.

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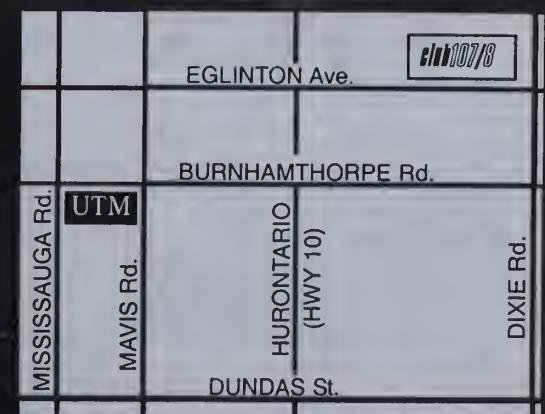
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SPORTS

Teams jockey for playoff spots in stretch run

By "THE COMMISH" JON LEE

We are at the halfway point where team rosters have now been frozen and start seriously looking at their playoff destinies. Only the top four teams in division one make the playoffs while division two will have three teams from each conference. Division two top conference spots are also up for grabs as it means a bye week for two lucky teams. So let's look at how teams fared last week while looking ahead to this week. Enjoy the hockey this week, especially "Super Tuesday" as it will showcase six action-packed games!

Week 3 Division One Wrap-Ups

Waterboyz wash up Upset City 17-1. This was another beating dished out by the Boyz in week three; this time Upset City was the victim. Division one leading scorer Ray "Tweedledee" Mukaddam had five goals and three assists to lead the way. Javis "Tweedledee" Gillingham had seven points while former varsity player Rob Frankovich broke out with a hat trick and two assists. All the Boyz got a point. Brandon Balogh of Upset City had the lone goal to upset Paul Costa's shutout.

Wildcats garner first win against Iron

Mixedbreed 19-7

The big score kept coming as the Wildcats finally got their first win of the season over the hapless Plastic Wrap. Mike "Wach the" Wach walked all over the defence, scoring five goals and assisting on two others. Mike Rossi and Ravi Bhardwaj also had six points each in the blowout. Wildcats goalie Martin Warych had a rare assist on a goal by Bhardwaj. The Mixedbreed were having problems finding a goalie, and Mike Ross was the only big offence for them scoring five goals.

Div. 1 Rookies put Fury in a deeper hole with a 9-7 win

How the mighty have fallen! The Commish cannot truly recall the last time Fury lost two games in a row, nor can the Commish recall them being this close to being out of the playoffs. Player of the week for Div. 1 from the Rookies, "The Unstoppable" Bruno Pellegrino, made up for the absence of all-star defenseman Pardeep Nagra, as he scored four goals including the game winner, while notching two assists to lead his team to the win. This was all done despite spotting a 4-1 lead to Fury. Fury captain Mike "The Ace" Acedo had a breakout game with four goals and two assists. The key factors were

Fury not having netminder Neil Meneses while giving up two goals in the final minute of the first half which gave the Rookies some hope. Fury now sits tied for fourth place, and play Upset City which will most likely decide the final playoff spot for division one.

Division One

Game of the Week

Fury vs. Upset City, Tuesday @ 9AM

It may not seem as big, but with Fury losing twice, this puts the defending champs in the same category as the L.A. Lakers in the NBA: close to being out of the playoffs but if they get in, no one would want to play them in the first round. The expansion team, Upset City, are currently tied with Fury for the fourth and final playoff spot. They will need a "game of his life" performance from goalie James Daily, while there needs to be more scoring behind Brandon Balogh and Carlos Tambar. Fury's Captain Mike Acedo had a breakout game but his team did not rise to the occasion. Neil Meneses should not give up hope as he's played stellar in net, and Fury is likely going to wake up for this game, or look to a long off season ahead.

Pick: Fury; Point Spread: 2

Wildcats vs. Waterboyz, Tuesday @ 10AM

The Wildcats got a much needed win against the lowly Iron Mixedbreed, but now they face the top team in division one in the Boyz. Ray Mukaddam is leading the league with 22 points and the team has five of the top twelve spots for the scoring race (Mukaddam, Gillingham, Eddy Jurinic, Paolo Caramanico, Mikey El-Zoobi). The Wildcats will have to counter with the duo of Mike Wach and Ravi Bhardwaj, while hoping for a big game from goalie Martin Warych. If not, these cats won't swim for long.

Pick: Waterboyz; Point Spread: 13

Pick: Whalers; Point Spread: 11

Jets vs. Agents, Tuesday @ 3PM

The Jets have had good comebacks but were sorely shorthanded against a bigger team in the Trailblazers last week. Dave Kuska is leading his team in scoring and they get back Dan Stanieski to help out the lack of bodies. The Agents are coming off a tough win over the Burnouts thanks to a game winner by Haris Cehajic and an amazing goaltending performance from Daniel Santos. This again has major playoff implications for the final playoff spot in the East.

Pick: Agents; Point Spread: 1

Early Bird Picks for Week 5

Division One

Wildcats vs. Upset City,

Monday, February 10 @ 10AM

This could be a big game by week's end for a playoff spot or even positioning for placement. The Wildcats have to have Mike Wach and company keep upbeat even with whatever happens against the Boyz, while Upset City must do the same after a big "game with Fury". It will likely come down to a goaltenders' duel between James Daily of Upset City and Martin Warych of the Wildcats. Let the best goalie win.

Pick: Wildcats; Point Spread: 1

Game of the Week

Waterboyz vs. Div. 1 Rookies,

Monday, February 10 @ 11AM

How big is this game? This will likely be for first place in the division, and both have their all-stars. The combo of Ray Mukaddam and Javis Gillingham will face off against the Rookie players, Steve Freitas and Bruno Pellegrino. Two of the division's top goalies will also be a major factor: Andrew Rabba of the Rookies and Paul Costa of the Boyz. Let the best team win.

Pick: Rookies; Point Spread: 2

Division Two: Eastern Conference

Flaming Amazons vs. Team Defiance, Tuesday @ 4PM

These are two teams in need of a win. The Amazons will have to go again to Eric Cisarovsky for scoring and play a tight game. Team Defiance needs anyone to score so captain and goalie Andrew Cheung can hold the fort. Could say more but there are no number one draft picks for finishing last for the loser of this one...

Pick: Amazons; Point Spread: 3

Division Two: Western Conference

Primetime Tuesday Game

Whalers vs. 5-Year Burnouts,

Tuesday @ 2PM

The Burnouts have not won yet this season (0-2) and things don't get easier facing the Whalers. Chris Jackson is leading the West in points and has a solid cast behind him, and in net Matt Carrier is solid this season. The Burnouts have got to worry about an opponent that have four guys in the top ten league scoring (Jackson, Matt Capobianco, Vince Cheng, and Jon Slota) while trying to find some offence of their own.

The Whalers will be looking to pound the net against a smaller Agents team whose biggest guy is the Commish himself. Rafiq Hakim and the other smaller Agents will need to dump and shoot at the net often to stand their ground. By this time other Whalers like Jon Brown, and Matt Spiteri could be in the top 10 scorers standings as well.

Pick: Whalers; Point Spread: 7

Picks Record: 13-5-4

Spreads Record: 7-13-2

Bond Girls light it up

BY GINA RAJACK

The Women's ball hockey season started out with a bang in spite of an early morning first game! The four-time defending champion team, the Bond Girls came out as strong as the previous years, beating the new Superstars 10-2. Katie Ahee and Afshan Omar each got a goal for the Superstars, while Amanda Moore scored one, Gina Rajack scored four, and Cheryl Penfold had five goals for the Bond Girls. Bond Girls goalie, Astrid Poi stopped countless shots by the Superstars. Despite the score, the Superstars goalie, Nazia Khan, continuously robbed Penfold and Rajack of many scoring opportunities. The league's participation has

increased significantly from last year, so hopefully this will encourage more women to play in the future.

Come cheer on the women as the Superstars take on the Free Agents on Thursday at 8a.m.

TOP 5 SCORERS - WOMEN'S BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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| Gina Rajack <i>Bond Girls</i> | 4 | 3 |
| Afshan Omar <i>Superstars</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Amanda Moore <i>Bond Girls</i> | 1 | 1 |
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UTM record drops below .500

BY JESSICA SELF

On Tuesday January 28th, the UTM men's volleyball team travelled to Scarborough to take on their team in a very competitive match. In the first set the UTM guys jumped out to an early lead of 9-3 within the first ten minutes. UTSC however, quickly closed the gap eventually tying the game at 13-13.

Despite a good fight and some awesome hits by Colin Doyle and our Norwegian volleyball star, the guys unfortunately lost a tight game of 21-25.

The second set was a much tighter game as our boys battled point for point right from the start. UTSC took a slight lead pulling away at 9-6 and UTM scrambled to try and come back.

The UTM guys worked hard

pulling off some great hits by Jeremy Jackson and some unbelievable blocks by both Chris Ogonie and Cyrus Zahiri. In the end, however, the UTM guys were never able to recover and lost to UTSC 25-16.

The UTM Eagles play again February 4 at home at 8:00pm. Come out and watch our guys battle again.



UTM's first line of defense go on the attack as "Norway" Knoph (left), Jeremy Jackson and Jonathan Luna hammer the ball past their opponents in a previous home game this semester. The team has played well in despite a recent loss to Scarborough. They look to rebound with their home game on February 4 at 8:00pm.

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Lady Eagles go 2-0

BY CHERYL LUCKHURST

On Thursday evening, the UTM Women's basketball team played an outstanding game, defeating their tri-campus rival from St. George campus, by a score of 37-31. The first half of the game was tight, coming to a close with a 21-18 score, with UTM in the lead. The second half of the game was even more aggressive than the first; a majority of the points coming from fouls, and two injuries to St. George in the last five minutes. A leg injury was suffered by Nadine Dechausay and a shoulder injury to Suzy Yin, leaving only three players on the St. George bench, while UTM had double that

number on their bench.

At the end of the game, St. George began to foul to try and stop the clock to regain points, but they were too late. A loud member of the audience noted, "YEAH! Like that is going to work now with 2.2 seconds left!" The game ended with 9-7 fouls in UTM's favour, which worked to their advantage since it counted for a majority of the points scored in the second half.

A great game for Stephanie Kishimoto, Jen Sotodeh, and Marija Kosovski, who's shooting and outwit carried UTM to a prestigious victory, and informed their ex-coach Steve Manchur (now coaching St. George) that he left the superior team behind.



UTM centre Lindsey Sones concentrates on her free throw during action file photo earlier this season. The Lady Eagles hope to become the first tri-campus champions as they play UTSC and two St. George teams in the newly formed league.

Good effort despite loss

BY JUDY CHIN

UTM's women's lacrosse team is facing a tough uphill battle after opening the season with a record so far of 1-2. With three games left, UTM is looking forward to ending the season deep into the playoffs.

The team's first game was against OISE/Engineers that led to the first victory

of the season. The last two games were hard fought losses with Gina Rajack, Gemma Cassidy and Aubrey Iwaniw carrying the offensive load.

The team looks forward in continuing to play hard and earn their way into the playoffs. Come support the Lady Eagles this Thursday in the upper gym at 8pm at the Athletic Centre.

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Men's Hoops suffer first loss in thrilling game

BY STEVE MANCHUR

It was almost too easy for UTM men's division basketball team early in the first half against New College, as they jumped out to an early 40-16 lead on some incredibly hot shooting. However, fouls, the improved play of New and the law of averages started to catch up to UTM, who lost their first game of the year, an 81-78 thriller.

It was the first game between UTM and New since the exciting three game final last year in which UTM prevailed to win its first championship in over 10 years. UTM came ready to play, and in the first ten minutes of the first half in building their twenty-four point lead, played the best basketball they've played all year. However, the team seemed to lose some momentum when Sacha Francisco was forced to sit with 2 personal fouls. The rest of the half, the hot shooting was cooled, and New slowly chipped into the lead.

UTM led at half-time by 13 points. The second half mirrored the first half,

utes, both Francisco and Anand Patel picked up their 4 fouls, and UTM seemed

UTM missed 4 straight free throws, and at the defensive end, UTM lacked defensive rotation which led to easy lay-ups for New. Still with one minute left, UTM was tied and had possession of the ball.

After a timeout, UTM called a play in which the ball was to go into the post to



UTM Forward Dwayne Grant fires a pass to Sacha Francisco as they set-up an offensive play. Coach Steve Manchur (right) diagrams a play. The team hopes to rebound against OISE.



as UTM was able to build their lead back up to 20 points with 13 minutes left in the game. However, within a span of 2 min-

utes, Down the stretch, UTM did not execute well enough to win the game. At the foul line,

Henry Rogers, however for some unknown reason the ref chose not to call a foul when Rogers' left arm was held by the opponent. New took possession, and their best player, Randy Urban drove and hit a basket and foul with 1.3 seconds left to give New the victory.

UTM was led by Dwayne Grant in scoring with 25 points, the third straight game that Grant has hit the 20 point mark. Despite the loss, UTM still has control of its own fate, because if they win out, they will still clinch first place overall and home court advantage throughout the playoffs. UTM looks to return to its winning ways with a tough match up against OISE on Monday night.

Rookies lead the way

BY GERGIN NAOUMOV

The men's indoor soccer team improved its record to 2-1 with an efficient 4-1 victory over Innis College. Leading the way for UTM was rookie Sam Gideon who scored twice, and more importantly, megged three different Innis players. Although Gideon claims his meg total was seven, he must realize that booting the ball between someone's legs and losing it does not constitute a meg. When he grasps this subtlety, his application to the "Whoa Club" may be considered.

Fellow rookies Francesco Coscerelli

and Chris Willis also found the back of the net for UTM. The continued strong play of the rookies is a good sign, especially in light of the feeble offensive output from offensive stars Bruno Pellegrino and Ben Dobrolowski.

The next challenge for the team will be archrivals Scarborough on February 3 at 9:00p.m. All fans and the school nurse are encouraged to come. Scarborough always has fans with whistles and Lutz boots, while the only fan supporting UTM is the coach's fiancée. Surely some residence students would like to come watch mediocre soccer on a Monday night.

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Rookie Sam Gideon covers his "jewels" as an Innis player prepares for his free kick. UTM cruised to a 4-1 victory as they continue their quest to repeat as champions.

New season, new hope

BY MIGUEL CO

After a long break men's division two basketball is back. New additions to the team may prove very vital to the team's success this season. After suffering their first loss against Woodsworth on January 14, they came back and had a convincing win against St. Mike's College 48-38. The success of the team will be based on how much they learn to play to each other's strengths while compensating for any team weaknesses. Hopefully with some good coaching and a lot of heart from the players, they will win it all this semester.

The team has a long road ahead of them, grouped in a very tough division. They would need some good defense and a consistent offence to get to the playoffs. So far they have shown good overall performance, even though they look shaky at times. But it is only the first couple of games, practice always makes perfect. The long season ahead will only show how much the players want to win this semester, with tough games and long hard practices.

Hopefully the players will have the patience and mind set to see that they

can win, if they only play as a team. The Eagles next game is on February 3 against Medicine at 9:05p.m.



UTM guard Anjum Kaukab watches his shot fall against St. Mike's College during UTM's 48-38 win.

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